

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire June 2, 2004.

Claims 1-19 and 21-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 9, 17, and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 USC 103, and Claims 4-8, 10, 16, 18 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise indicated as being allowable.

In the present paper, Claims 1, 17, 21 and 22, and Claims 9, 10 and 23-25 are deleted. Claims 2-8, 11-16, 18 and 19 remain as previously amended. Reconsideration in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-3, 9, 17, and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Seo in view of Speyer et al.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 9 and 10. Because Claim 10 is indicated as being allowable over Seo in view of Speyer et al, amended Claim 1 is believed to be allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection directed to Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 3 are dependent from Claim 1, and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 1.

The dependence of Claim 17 is changed from Claim 9 (now deleted) to Claim 1. Claim 17 is therefore believed to be allowable for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 1.

The dependence of Claims 21 and 22 is changed from Claim 20 to Claim 1 in response to the objection raised on page 2 of the Office Action. Claims 21 and 22 are therefore believed to be

allowable for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 1.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections under 35 USC 103.

#### Objections

In response to the objection raised on page 2 of the Office Action, the dependence of Claim 17 is changed from Claim 9 (now deleted) to Claim 1, which now incorporates the subject matter of Claim 10. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the dependence of Claim 18 on Claim 17 is proper.

In addition, as mentioned above, the dependent of Claims 21 and 22 is changed from Claim 20 to Claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5902 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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